

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes, it would. The broadcast flag would unfairly restrict fair use.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Yes.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes, it would make interoperability between new and old components more difficult.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes, this would happen. We should not give the media industries the capability to deprive us of the right to fair use regardless of their claimed intents.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Equipment prices would increase due to the added complexity.

Other Comments:

I am against the broadcast flag as well as any restrictions being placed on manufacturing, importation, or sale of consumer equipment. This is an effort by media companies to increase revenue by infringing on the rights of consumers.